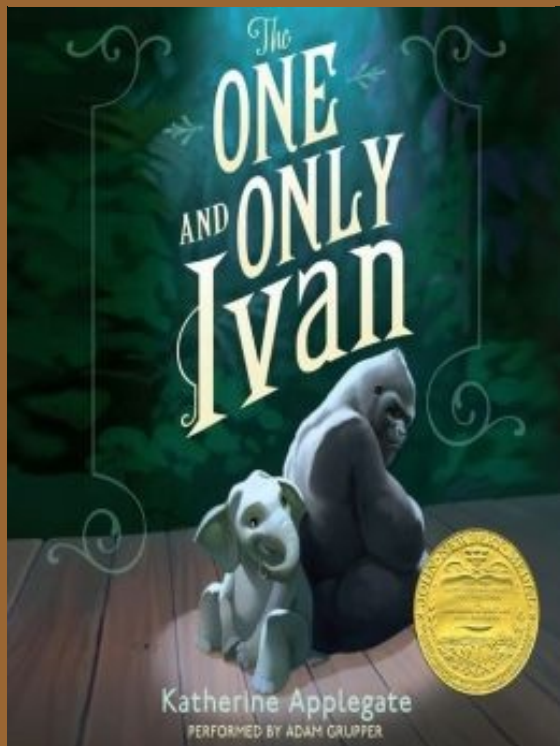


Do We Have the Right?

A Collaborative Research Book

Based on the book:



Ms. Hutchison's
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Elephants

Should we capture and cage them?

Yes, when...

- they have trained veterinarians that can take care of them when they are sick.
- they are kept in a habitat that looks like their home and has adequate space.
- if they are eventually let free back into the wild.

No, never when...

- they are bred only in captivity and are not let free.
- they are used for entertainment, such as circuses.
- they are being used for domestic use like in India or China.
- they are being used for heavy labor, heavy lifting and transporting goods and people.



"I think that we sometimes have the right to capture and cage Asian elephants if they have a good health plan, if they are kept in a homey habitat, and if they are eventually set free!"

~Ana I

Orcas

Do we have the right to capture and cage orcas?

No, never because...

- once orca whales are in captivity, they can never be released.
- in some cases, more than one orca in one cage becomes more violent because the orcas sometimes bully each other physically.
- killer whales die more often in captivity.
- killer whales become depressed and stressed in captivity.
- killer whales dorsal fins get flipped over in captivity but it has never been recorded in the wild.

I believe we never have the right to capture and cage orca whales. Even if they might be hurt or going extinct, I think they should live their lives in the wild.

~ Molly



No, we never have the right to capture and cage orca whales because they become more violent when they are captured. In the wild orcas have miles to roam free, yet in captivity they are trapped in a giant swimming pool. Orcas should be free in the wild.

~ Olivia

Asian Elephants

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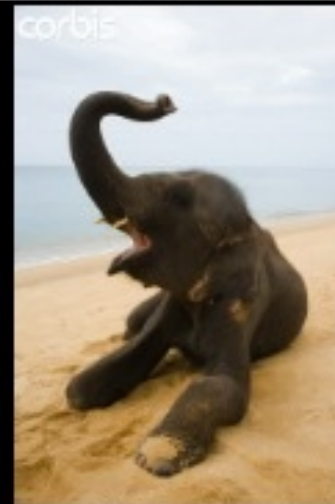
Yes, when...

- they are hurt.
- humans are taking up to much space.
- they are in the wild; they may be killed by elephant herpes or another disease.
- in the wild they are killed by poachers for their tusks, their hide, and their meat.
- have as natural habitat and enough space.



No, not when:

- they are not injured and have a safe home.
- they are used for entertainment purposes.
- they are used for domestication like transporting and heavy labor.
- an Asian elephant's matriarch is killed, the calves won't know where to go in case of a drought.
- an Asian elephant's parents are killed or other adults are killed, the calves will not learn the ways of the Asian elephant.





I believe Asian Elephants can/should be captured and kept in captivity only sometimes.

~ Alex K.

Primate Instincts Gone Wrong in Captivity!

Facts!

- *If chimps are raised by humans, then chimps will copy human behavior!
- *When chimps are moved from a zoo to another zoo their hands are covered in scar tissue from biting them!
- *In the wild, chimps have never vomited; but in some zoos, they vomited and ate it!



Keeping a gorilla as a pet!

- *Apparently, there is no way of knowing if a Animals meal is balanced.
- *In some places people have tigers as pets and they grow a lot! Same goes for gorillas!
- *You would have to take the gorilla to the vet. Good luck trying to find one
- *Your new pet gorilla will need a lot of space to move around and have fun! YOU CAN NOT PUT THE GORILLA IN THE GARAGE.
- *They will need to go to the toilet! (A lot of food =A lot of Waste)



I believe that we do not have the right to capture and cage primates, because we use too many fake things and not enough real things. With real things the primates' instincts will be more natural than fake things.



Sophia
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# Do we have the right to capture and cage tigers?

I believe that sometimes we have the right to capture Bengal tigers because they're almost becoming extinct. Also it's good for tigers to be in captivity because people poach them for their body parts.

~Curtis H.



# Endangered Tigers?

## Facts:

1. Tigers get killed because poachers kill them for their body parts.
2. People sell Bengal tigers for money.
3. There almost becoming extinct.
4. People capture tigers illegally.

**Do we have the  
right to capture  
and cage tigers?**

**No never when...**

**Yes only when...**

tigers are captured to protect them but, they are always let go back into the wild!

- people keep more tigers in captivity then in the wild.
- they breed Bengal tigers in captivity.
- they become domestic pets.
- when there are commercial farms that capture tigers and do medical testing on them.
- they all are not with their family's or no hunting the way they did in the wild.

# Pandas !

## Facts:

Pandas live in China.

Pandas are bred in captivity in China.

Pandas are endangered because of people building too many houses.

There is not enough natural habitat for pandas.

Pandas cannot mate in the wild because human roadways are cutting them off from other pandas.

*Do we have the right to capture and cage pandas?*

*No, never because ...*

- they are not released in the wild.
- they are used to make money at zoos.
- not even if they are used to educate people.
- not even when they are hurt!



*I believe that we should not capture the giant panda because they are becoming extinct. But if they are captured and are not returned to the wild, it would not be fair because they have feelings too.*

*~ Nailah F.*

## **Facts:**

# **Gorillas**

**The gorillas habitat is being lost for trees and farming.**

**Climate change is effecting the gorillas life style.**

**Ebola from people's boots kills many gorillas every year.**

**Gorillas get caught in poachers' traps meant for other animals.**

**Gorilla meat is expensive in many countries which is helping promote poaching them because they will make a lot of money.**

**In the Republic of Congo 295 chimpanzees were killed for their meat in 2003.**

**Officials searched three plane flights coming from Toronto to the US, they found 76 different kinds of animal flesh.**



## **Do we have the right to capture and cage gorillas?**

**No, never because...**

- **there are less than 700 mountain gorillas in the world.**
- **there are less than 5,000 lowland gorillas in the world.**
- **there are less than 300 cross river gorillas in the world.**
- **7,000,000 years ago there were 50 species of gorilla, now there are five!**

I believe that the human race does not have the right to capture and cage animals because in captivity, they are not always treated properly and I believe they have the right to live with their families free in the wild.

~ Sam B.



I believe that we never have the right to capture and cage gorillas because most gorillas are not fed well and they are not treated correctly.

~Matt



# Breeding animals in captivity

Do we have the right to breed animals in captivity?

Yes  
when...



- Zoos breed endangered animals to save them.
  - California Condors
  - Black footed ferrets
  - Spix's Macaws
  - Partula's Snails
- If breeding ONLY causes positive benefits.
- Breeding to protect an animal from an illness.
- When an animal like the snake is used to make medicine from its venom to heal someone from a snake bite.

No  
when...

- When a breeding program is using human mental illnesses to test animals.
- When breeding for pets or food.
- To produce animals for research.
- There is a commercial farm in Asia that breeds tigers illegally to test human medicine.

# Summary Statement

I believe we only should capture and cage animals when they are going to be let free. If animals are endangered, and breed in captivity, they should remain with their families.

~ Henry G.





# Endangered Species



## Facts:

- In January, 2013 the Fish and Wildlife Services reports that there are 2,054 endangered species in the world. 1,436 of them are in the United States. That's more than half!
- You know an animal is endangered or threatened when the animals habitat is being destroyed, the animal is being used to much for recreation and education, the animal has a disease that is killing them, the animal is not being protected. Humans are killing the animals.
- The things that are killing endangered species are: deforestation, accidentally catching different types of sea life, pollution, and illegal animal trade.
- About 50% of all endangered animals live in the rainforest. The Amazon lost about 17% of its species.
- Freshwater ecosystems hold more than 100,000 species of animals and plants. It is an endangered habitat because of pollution, humans, and climate change.

# **Do we have the right to capture and cage endangered species?**

## **Yes, when...**

- animals are let back into the wild as soon as possible.
- animals are fed and treated properly.
- animals are living in a habitat that is just like or closely resembles their own.
- animals are being kept from starving to death.
- animals are being saved from hunters and poachers.

## **No, never when...**

- animals are not treated or fed properly.
- animals are not able to live in a natural habitat that resembles their own.
- animals are not let back into the wild if possible.

**I believe we sometimes have the right to capture and cage animals if they are endangered and let free back into the wild as soon as possible.**

**~ Adrian M.**



## Do we have the right to capture and cage animals?



"We believe that we sometimes do have the right to capture and cage animals if they are treated right because if they are, they benefit from it and grow to like captivity."

~ Teb B and Wes C



# Animal Treatment in Captivity

Yes because...

- it helps the survival of some endangered species.
- if it can be just like it is in the wild such as when they are getting food, sleeping spaces and habitat.
- if the place that takes the animals actually cares about them.

No when...

- animals are exploited such as when the Ringling Brothers made a sick elephant perform in show without a doctor's consent.
- zoos don't always take care of their animals!
- animals are bored, stressed, lonely, miserable and live in artificial cages!